

RUFFED GROUSE IN NORTHWEST ALABAMA

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On February 12, 1978, at about 4:00 p.m., we flushed two Ruffed Grouse (Bonasa umbellus) from corn stubble in northeastern Tuscaloosa County, north of Little Tyro Creek and west of Sandtown (Section 5, Township 17 S, Range 9 W). The field in which the birds were foraging was about two acres in size and was nearly half a mile from the nearest public road. The field was completely surrounded by second growth pines (Pinus virginiana and P. taeda) and was on a ridge in very steep terrain.

Imhof (1976, Alabama Birds, University of Alabama Press, University) considers the Ruffed Grouse rare in northeast Alabama and mentions that 65 Ohio birds were released in the Bankhead National Forest in 1958. The species was last reported in northwest Alabama near Borden Creek and Bee Branch (Winston County) by Walter Coxe in 1972 and 1973, respectively (Imhof, op. cit.). To our knowledge, the species has not previously been reported as far south as Tuscaloosa County.

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I recommend this book to anyone interested in the variety and distribution of birds in the South. It is especially enjoyable to compare the similarities and differences between Alabama and Georgia birds. There are some real surprises in store for anyone who takes the time to do so. As only one side of each page is printed, this little book just begs to be taken into the field and to be used to keep up with local records. Books may be ordered from:

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